

McLean Crew Club Weekly News, October 12, 2009

Dates to Note:

October 13: General Meeting, 7:30, MHS Cafeteria
October 13: First Payment of Membership Fees Due*
November 7-8 (Tentative Dates): Leaf-Raking Fundraiser (1st Session)
November 10: General Meeting, 7:30, MHS Cafeteria
November 14-15 (Tentative Dates): Leaf-Raking Fundraiser (2nd Session)
December 8: General Meeting, 7:30, MHS Cafeteria

*Detailed fee information can be found in the McLean Crew Club 2009-2010 Handbook at www.mcleancrew.org.

The October general meeting for the McLean Crew Team will be held tomorrow, **October 13, at 7:30 pm** in the cafeteria at McLean High School. The first payment of membership fees is also due, and all required forms should be turned in. There will be an opportunity to order team spirit wear and other items. The holidays will be here before you know it so why not order McLean Crew items for your friends and relatives? It's a great way to show support for your rower and your team! This is a parents' meeting and we urge at least one parent of each crew team member to attend.

FUNDRAISING NEWS *POINTS OPPORTUNITY*****

LEAF RAKING CHAIRPERSON NEEDED (200 POINTS) – WOULD PREFER RETURNING ROWER PARENT, AS WE WOULD LIKE SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS. THERE IS A STEP BY STEP MANUAL AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS 2 PREVIOUS CHAIRPERSONS FOR HELP WITH QUESTIONS.

LEAF RAKING ASSISTANT NEEDED (100 POINTS) – COULD BE NEW ROWER PARENT TO ASSIST CHAIRPERSON WITH THE LEAFRAKING FUNDRAISER.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CORPORATE/BUSINESS FUNDRAISING?

IF SO, PLEASE CALL CAROL SANDERS AT (703) 847-9409 OR EMAIL MNC SANDERS@VERIZON.NET. WE WILL BE MEETING SOON TO DISCUSS THE PROJECTS THAT WE WANT TO WORK ON THIS YEAR. GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE IS HELPFUL AS WELL, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO FIND AND PURSUE SOME GRANTS THIS YEAR.

SOME EASY WAYS TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE CLUB...

1. SIGN UP AT ESCRIP.COM – YOU CAN SIGN UP YOUR SAFEWAY CARD AND DESIGNATE “MCLEAN CREW CLUB” FOR YOUR DONATIONS. IF YOU ADD YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBERS AS WELL AS YOUR MACYS CARD, YOU CAN GET AUTOMATIC DONATIONS FROM MANY AREA RESTAURANTS AND STORES SIMPLY FOR SHOPPING AND DINING AT THOSE LOCATIONS! (WE CANNOT REGISTER WITH GIANT, AS THEY ONLY DESIGNATE SCHOOLS – SO SIGN UP FOR MCLEAN HS!)
2. AAA TRASH SERVICE – ANYONE WHO HAS THIS TRASH SERVICE WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN UP AND DESIGNATE MCLEAN CREW AND RECEIVE DONATIONS FOR THE CLUB – THIS IS CURRENTLY IN THE WORKS – YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ONCE WE HAVE COMPLETED THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.
3. BUY GIFT CARDS TO GIANT/SAFEWAY/STARBUCKS AND MANY OTHER STORES FROM THE CLUB. YOU PAY FACE VALUE FOR THE CARDS AND WE GET A DONATION BACK FROM THE STORES. THIS IS A NO COST TO YOU FUNDRAISER AND MADE THE CLUB OVER \$5,000 LAST YEAR!!! FOR GIANT AND SAFEWAY, IT WOULD BE EASIER IF PEOPLE COULD SIGN UP FOR A MONTHLY AMOUNT (WHICH YOU COULD CHANGE OR ADJUST EACH MONTH WITHOUT PENALTY). THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE THE PROPER AMOUNTS OF CARDS AVAILABLE EACH MONTH.
4. BUY RECYCLABLE TOTE BAGS – THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TUESDAY MEETING AS WELL – THEY ARE SIMILAR TO THE GIANT GROCERY BAGS, IN BLACK WITH THE MCLEAN HS LOGO ON THEM. THEY SELL FOR \$4.00 EACH, BUY 5 AND GET 1 FREE.

LEAF RAKING FUNDRAISER

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO THAT TIME WHEN LEAVES NEED TO BE RAKED. MCLEAN CREW GETS OUT IN GROUPS OF 4 ROWERS AND 2 PARENTS AND RAKES LEAVES FOR \$50/HR. WE ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14/15 AND NOVEMBER 21/22, BUT THAT COULD BE ADJUSTED BASED ON WHEN THE LEAVES ACTUALLY FALL. (YES, WE HAVE GONE INTO DECEMBER IN STUBBORN YEARS!!!)

FLYERS WILL BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE AND IN PIPENOTES AND WE WILL BE EMAILING OUR PAST CUSTOMERS AS WELL AS OUR MULCH CUSTOMERS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEIR YARD RAKED , PLEASE CONTACT CAROL AND MARK SANDERS AT (703) 847-9409 OR EMAIL AT MNCSANDERS@VERIZON.NET WITH YOUR INFORMATION.

THIS IS OUR FIRST MANDATORY FUNDRAISER!!! SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, MEETING. IF YOUR ROWER HAS FRIENDS HE WOULD LIKE TO RAKE WITH, PLEASE HAVE THEM GET THEIR GROUPS TOGETHER AND SIGN UP TOGETHER.

Thanks to everyone who provided input for this newsletter. Please contact me at ptapscott@mathematica-mpr.com or at (571) 243-2663 if you have information for next Monday's newsletter.